

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

means for transmitting a request for page information;

means for receiving said page information, which includes identification information corresponding to content data, from an external apparatus in response to the request, and for receiving said content data, the identification information identifying a vendor;

storing means for storing said content data received by said means for receiving, based on said identification information, independently of said page information;

means for outputting said content data along with said page information; and

control means for detecting whether said storing means is storing said content data independently of said page information, for controlling said means for outputting to output said content data without an inquiry to the external apparatus when said control means detects that said storing means is storing said content data independently of said page information, for controlling said means for receiving to receive said content data from the external apparatus when said content data is not stored in said storing means, and for removing all files except for files of the vendor ~~registering in said storing means said content data in an uncompressed format upon a reception from said external apparatus of said content data in a compressed format.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said controller is configured to store in said memory the content data.

3. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the content data is image data, and the page information ~~is defined by~~ defines a portal site.

4. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the content data is sound data, and the page information ~~is defined by~~ defines a portal site.

5. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said controller is configured to count a number of times the content data has been reproduced, and said controller is configured to store in said memory the content data, which has been accessed more than a certain number of times.

6. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said controller is configured to count a number of times the content data has been reproduced, and said controller is configured to remove from said memory the content data, ~~which has been infrequently accessed~~ based on the number of times.

7. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said controller is configured to register in said memory an indicator showing an importance of said content data ~~along with said content data~~, and to prevent said content data from being removed from said memory based on said indicator of said content data regardless of a ~~frequency~~ number of times of access of said content data.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein, when said controller receives the content data in the compressed format with a ~~certain~~ predetermined attribute, said controller registers in said memory said content data in the uncompressed format.

10. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said controller reproduces the content data, and said controller is further configured to convert the content data into a compression format corresponding to characteristics of said controller, and to then register said content data in said memory.

11. (Previously Presented) The information reproduction apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the page information includes a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and said controller is configured to access, when the content data is not stored in said memory, said URL to acquire said content data from said external apparatus.

12. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising:  
receiving from an external apparatus page information including identification information corresponding to content data, the identification information identifying a vendor;

detecting whether or not the content data is stored in a storage apparatus independently of said page information;

acquiring, when the detecting detects that the content data is stored in said storage apparatus independently of said page information, said content data from said storage apparatus without an inquiry to the external apparatus;

acquiring, when the detecting detects that said content data is not stored in said storage apparatus, the content data from said external apparatus;

~~registering in said storage apparatus said content data in an uncompressed format upon a reception from said external apparatus of said content data in a compressed format;~~

storing, in said storage apparatus, the content data acquired in the acquiring from said external apparatus, based on said identification information, independently of said page information; [[and]]

outputting the content data along with said page information on an output interface;

and

removing all files except for files of the vendor.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions, wherein the computer executable instructions, when executed by a processing unit, cause the processing unit to perform a method comprising:

receiving from an external apparatus page information including identification information corresponding to content data, the identification information identifying a vendor;

detecting whether or not the content data is stored in a storage apparatus independently of said page information;

acquiring, when the detecting detects that the content data is stored in said storage apparatus independently of said page information, said content data from said storage apparatus without an inquiry to the external apparatus;

acquiring, when the detecting detects that said content data is not stored in said storage apparatus, the content data from said external apparatus;

~~registering in said storage apparatus said content data in an uncompressed format  
upon a reception from said external apparatus of said content data in a compressed format;~~

storing, in said storage apparatus, the content data acquired in the acquiring from said external apparatus, based on said identification information, independently of said page information; [[and]]

outputting the content data along with said page information on an output interface;  
and

removing all files except for files of the vendor.

14. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:  
a network device that transmits a request for page information, receives said page information, which includes identification information corresponding to content data, from an external apparatus in response to the request, and receives said content data, the identification information identifying a vendor;

a memory configured to store said content data received by said network device, based on said identification information, independently of said page information;

an interface that outputs said content data along with said page information; and

a controller configured to detect whether said memory is storing said content data independently of said page information, to control said interface to output said content data without an inquiry to the external apparatus when said controller detects that said memory is storing said content data independently of said page information, to control said network device to receive said content data from the external apparatus when said content data is not stored in said memory, and to ~~register in said memory said content data in an uncompressed format upon a reception from said external apparatus of said content data in a compressed format~~ remove all files from the memory except for files of the vendor.

15. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the interface includes a display of predetermined dimensions, and the second size is based on the predetermined dimensions of the display.

16. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the controller is configured to translate the content data from a first format and a first size into a second format and a second size based on a characteristic of the interface.

17. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein ~~the identification information identifies a vendor, and~~ the controller is configured to decompress said content data, based on the vendor.

18. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the controller is further configured to register in said memory said content data in an uncompressed format upon a reception from said external apparatus of said content data in a compressed format.

19. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein, when a number of files cached in the memory exceeds a predetermined threshold, the controller removes all files from the memory except for the files of the vendor.